

**PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**  
(Small Entity)

Docket No.  
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111 and 37 C.F.R. 1.53 is the patent application of:

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For: **ANIMAL PROTEIN PRODUCTS USABLE AS INGREDIENTS IN EXTRUDED PRODUCTS**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Certificate of Mailing with Express Mail Mailing Label No. **EL 993327206 US**
- ☒ **2 informal** sheets of drawings.
- ☒ A certified copy of a **utility** application.
- ☐ Declaration ☐ Signed. ☐ Unsigned.
- ☐ Power of Attorney
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Verified Statement(s) to Establish Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.
- ☐ Other:

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

For	#Filed	#Allowed	#Extra	Rate	Fee
<b>Total Claims</b>	23	- 20 =	3	x \$9.00	\$27.00
<b>Indep. Claims</b>	2	- 3 =	0	x \$43.00	\$0.00
<b>Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable)</b> <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
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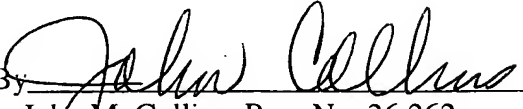
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